



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

10th Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024

*We are an Open and Affirming, God-is still-speaking Congregation.
We embrace our diversity to make a divine difference together.
Wherever you are on life's journey, there is a place of welcome for you here.*

Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!

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*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked *)*

Meditation: "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" -Gehring

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn NCH 277, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Call to Worship

**Come, let us sing praises to the Lord,
For holy is our God.
Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth,
For the wonder of each hour.
Let us be joyful for our creator, still creating,
For our lover, still loving,
Whom we adore.**

Prelude: "You Servants of God" -Wesley/ Haydn

Musician

***Gathering Prayer**

Worship Leader/People

***We have gathered, Jesus dear, we have come to watch and listen.
Fix our minds, our senses clear, to receive your heavenly lesson.
Please improve our concentration: draw us into contemplation.***
(from NCH 74, *We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear*, verse 1)

Confession

O God, we confess

We sometimes forget or ignore your commandments.

We fail to serve you and instead serve ourselves.

Somehow, we lose sight of the many blessings you bestow.

We live lives unmarked by gratitude.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us awaken to the gift of your love and grace.

May our hearts be moved by your many blessings.

May we follow your call to obedience, not out of fear

But from a fountain of gratitude and joy!

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor David

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn NCH 28, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, all verses.

Readings Exodus 20:2-17; Matthew 5:1-11

Annika & Alex Wyant

²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.^[c]

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account.

Sermon “My Faith Journey”

Mike Carr

*Hymn NCH 4, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Today's loose offering will be credited to the Church Operations Fund.

Offering: "Come, You Thankful People Come" -Alford/Elvey Musician

***Offertory Response (tune of Old Hundredth) Congregation**

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

Prayer of Dedication Pastor David

Presentation of College Scholarship to Annika Jean Wyant Mike Carr

Announcements

Lighting Candles for Peace Pastor David

Benediction Pastor David

Postlude: "Rondeau" -Mouret Musician

NCH – New Century Hymnal

**Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Thomas Stein
Worship Leader: Larry Hartzell
Guest Speaker: Mike Carr
Hymn Leader: Ron Holm**

**Production: Bob Tissot & Josh Hill
Ushers: Pam Douglas & Lynn Stadtmueller
Greeter: Pam Douglas & Lynn Stadtmueller**

Prayer Requests

- We pray for **John Gerrond's sister, Susan**, who had open heart surgery this week.
- We pray for **Barb Mugavero's son David**, who is scheduled for triple bypass surgery on August 2.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems, with episodes of severe pain.

- We pray for **Phil Floor**, who has begun treatment for cancer.
- We pray for **Mike Grace's** sister-in-law, **Nancy**, who had surgery for tongue cancer.
- We pray for **Rita Webster**, who suffered a fall and broke bones in her foot.
- We are thankful **Shawn Ostgarden's** health has improved, with the help of medication for his heart issues.
- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky**, who had successful abdominal surgery.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Kathy Lovins** who is recovering from a recent knee surgery, later suffered from a fall, and was again hospitalized but is now recovering at home.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend & long-time neighbor with ALS, Shawn**, who entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Vicki and Jim Crone** as her health diagnosis and treatment continues.
- We pray for **Liz Schultz's friend, Mary**, and her sister, **Kathy**, who has been battling cancer for years. An experimental program has shrunk the tumor, and will give Kathy more time. Thank you for prayers of hope and support for Kathy, her husband George, and their family.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.
- We pray for **Virginia**, Pastor David's sister, who has been suffering from complications of COPD and Covid.
- We pray for **Becky**, Pastor David's sister, who is scheduled for surgery on July 29.

Attendance

7/7-49

7/14-32

7/21-35



Anniversary: Pastor David & Leslie Sheridan – 7/29

Bob & Deb Orlando -- 8/3

Birthdays: Annika Wyant – 7/29

Pastor David's Office Hours -- Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Church Office hours

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